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SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT MOU'S

1. TO DATE THE US HAS SIGNED MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING FOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT COOPERATION WITH THE UK, FRANCE AND NORWAY, AND IS NEGOTIATING WITH NETHERLANDS, ITALY AND GERMANY. MISSION SEES THESE MOU'S AS A VITAL THREAD THROUGH THE FABRIC OF THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOG (TAD), ARMAMENTS PLANNING AND THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP).

2. WE SUGGEST THAT, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE NATIONS AFFECTED, WE JOINTLY ANNOUNCE THE EXISTANCE OR STATUS OF THE MOU'S AT THE FALL 78 CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD).

3. WE FURTHER SUGGEST INVITING ALL OTHER NATO NATIONS AT THE CNAD TO ENTER INTO SIMILAR MOU'S. WE BELIEVE US SHOULD ALSO PRESS FOR MINISTERS TO ENDORSE SUCH A SERIES OF MOU'S TO FURTHER ARMAMENTS COOPERATION AND STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE.

4. MISSION BELIEVES THAT AN IMPORTANT INTERIM GOAL SHOULD BE A MULTILATERAL MOU BETWEEN ALL NATO NATIONS AND THE US. THE ULTIMATE GOAL SHOULD BE A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL NATO NATIONS ON ARMAMENTS COOPERATION WHICH
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WOULD INCLUDE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS GUIDELINES FOR LICENSING AND COPRODUCTION FROM THE AC/94 GROUP AND FAMILIES OF WEAPONS APPROACH AS OUTLINED IN TAD MEETING OF 28 JUN.BENNETT

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